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SUBJ: CYPRUS AUGUST 21 MEETING OF NATO CYPRUS GROUP

REF: USNATO 4481 (NOTAL)

1. CYPRUS GROUP MET AT NOON AUGUST 21 UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP ACTING SYG PANSAL WITH KRAPF (FRG), PECK (UK), MCAULIFFE (US), BAL (BELGIUM), CARRAUD (FRANCE), PLUS KILLHAM AND LISSFELT (INTERNATIONAL STAFF).

2. PANSAL REPORTED THAT, IN TEMPORARY ABSENCE ADMIRAL HILL-NORTON, HE HAD SPOKEN WITH VADM MINTER (ACTING CHAIRMAN MILITARY SECRET

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COMMITTEE) AND HAD FULLY IMPLEMENTED DECISION TAKEN ON AUGUST 20 (USNATO 4481, PARA 7). HE THEN READ ALOUD AUGUST 20 TELEGRAM FROM GREEK MOD TO GREEK REPRESENTATIVE NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE WHICH STATES THAT FIFTEEN-DAY WITHDRAWAL NOTICE FOR GREEK MILITARY

PERSONNEL WILL BECOME OPERATIVE ON DATE THAT ATHENS ISSUES RECALL ORDER. PANSA OBSERVED THAT, AS MANY HAD HOPED, GREEK MILITARY HAVE THUS FAR RECEIVED ONLY A READINESS ORDER. PECK REMARKED THAT ALLIES SHOULD DO NOTHING "TO START THE CLOCK TICKING."

3. IN COMPLIANCE WITH FCO INSTRUCTIONS AND AFTER HAVING STRESSED EXTREME SENSITIVITY OF INFORMATION, PECK THEN GAVE BARE-BONES OUTLINE OF FONSEC CALLAGHAN'S RECENT INITIATIVE LOOKING TOWARD "BIREGIONAL FEDERATION" IN EFFORT TO GET CYPRUS TALKS RE-STARTED WITH SOME ASSURANCE OF SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME. HE GAVE BRIEF RESUME OF INITIAL SOUNDINGS WITH PRESIDENT CLERIDES EARLIER THIS WEEK AND DESCRIBED IN GENERAL TERMS PRELIMINARY REACTION OF LATTER. PECK EXPLAINED THAT QUESTION HAD NOW BEEN PUT TO PM KARAMANLIS AND TO PM ECEVIT, AND THAT HMG WAS AWAITING REACTIONS FROM ATHENS AND ANKARA. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, PECK EXPLAINED THAT (1) LONDON HAD NO IDEA WHETHER GOG WOULD RECEDE FROM ITS INSISTENCE ON TURKISH WITHDRAWAL TO AUGUST 9 GEOGRAPHIC POSITION BEFORE AGREEING TO NEGOTIATE; (2) HMG IS STRESSING IN ATHENS THAT GREEK REGOTIATING SITUATION NOT LIKELY IMPROVE, AND IN ANKARA THAT TURKS MUST MANIFEST SOME WILLINGNESS BOTH TO WITHDRAW FORWARD MILITARY UNITS AND TO STAGED PHASE-DOWN OF MILITARY PRESENCE; (3) NO APPROACH HAD YET BEEN MADE TO DENKTASH; AND (4) EC NINE ARE BEING BRIEFED ALONG SIMILAR LINES IN PARIS.

4. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, GROUP AGREED THAT POLAD'S (LESS GREECE AND TURKEY) WOULD MEET AT 4:00 PM AUGUST 21 TO RECEIVE SOME BRIEFING FROM UKNATO UNDER KILLHAM'S CHAIRMANSHIP. FURTHER, SINCE BUDGET COMMITTEE, INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, NPG STAFF GROUP AND OTHER COMMITTEES WILL SOON BE DEALING WITH MYRIAD OF DETAILS WHICH COULD FORCE GREEK DEL TO TAKE POSITIONS WHICH COULD HAVE UNFORTUNATE LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES, PANSA PROPOSED THAT CHAIRMAN TRY TO STEER POLAD'S TOWARD AGREEMENT BY THE THIRTEEN THAT POLICY OF "ORGANIZED INERTIA" OR "DELIBERATE INERTIA" IN NATO BODIES
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WOULD BEST PREVENT UNRAVELLING OF INTEGRATED MILITARY STRUCTURE. CARRAUD GRIMACED BUT SAID FRENCH DELEGATION COULD AGREE THAT, WHILE ATHENS OR ANY OTHER ALLY ALWAYS FREE TO MAKE DECISIONS AT TIME OF ITS OWN CHOOSING, ALL ALLIES SHOULD REFRAIN FROM FORCING GREEKS TO MAKE PREMATURE DECISIONS THAT COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE COMMON INTEREST. MCAULIFFE AND PECK STRONGLY OBJECTED TO CATCHY PHRASES USED BY PANSA SINCE THEY MIGHT COME TO ATTENTION OF MEDIA AND TRIGGER VERY RESPONSE WHICH ALLIES WISHED TO AVOID. THEY AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT IS, IMS AND ALL THIRTEEN DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING ESPECIALLY TECHNICIANS, SHOULD SKIRT PITFALL OF QUESTIONING FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, ETC. KILLHAM EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE HE COULD STEER POLAD DISCUSSIONS ALONG

"BUSINESS-AS-USUAL" LINE, TAKING DUE NOTE OF FRENCH CONCERN.
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